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Preliminary Amendment

Etidronate by replacing CH₂ with CH₃ and the structure of Biphosphonate by replacing R₁ and R₂ with R¹ and R², respectively to render the structures chemically correct.

Figures 1, 2 and 3 are amended to correct typographical errors. In particular, the amendment removes header information that was inadvertently added to the drawings.

Included as an attachment is a marked-up version of the drawings that are being amended, per 37 CFR §1.121 and the replacement copies of the drawings.

Formal drawings incorporating these amendments are being submitted to the Drawings Review Branch under a separate cover.

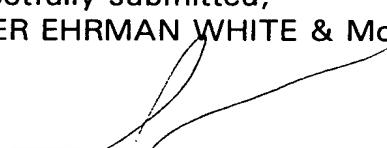
No new matter has been added.

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Entry of this amendment and examination of the application are respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,
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